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# 4th Supply Battalion Family Readiness

## Message from the Commanding Officer

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As I get older, I am always amazed at how fast time flies. It seems like 2010 is flying by. My change of command date has been set for July 11<sup>th</sup> in Newport News, and is fast approaching. Our Inspector-Instructor, LtCol Rob Curran, will turnover with LtCol Scott Duncan on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and is also retiring after 24+ years in the Marine Corps, so that will be a double celebration. We're also losing our Battalion XO this month; LtCol Paul Neubert is transferring to the SysCom IMA Det to deploy to Kuwait for a year in support of the MRAP Sustainment Facility. And, SgtMajor Michael Saucedo leaves this summer for Okinawa to "swing with the wing" as the incoming Sergeant Major for HMM 262, The Flying Tigers. So, 2010 is really a year of changes for the battalion. Even though we're going through some "churn" in the battalion senior leadership, we're still prepping hard for four major evolutions in 2010:

- Overseeing all 10.2 PTP training for 4<sup>th</sup> MLG during Quantico Viper IV in early May 2010. Major Howie Marotto, (our new battalion S-4), is overseeing this evolution along with Captain Chris Nelson, our I&I OpsO.
- Supporting Javelin Thrust '10 with a reinforced CLC providing direct logistics support for 2 infantry battalions at MWTC Bridgeport during the month of June. Major Jesse Davidson, (new H&S CO), has the con for this mission.
- Supporting the large Army Golden Cargo ammunition exercise also in June. All 3 ammo dets are supporting under the leadership of Major Kerry Mengelkoch, (our Ammo Company CO).
- Conducting two Corporal's NCO Courses at MCLB Albany in June/July. (Led by 1<sup>st</sup>Sgt James Watson in Albany with a lot of strong Sergeant support from across the battalion).

So, the next few months will be pretty busy. As I mentioned, I turnover with LtCol John Speicher on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, and then head to Quantico to head up MFR's TECOM IMA Det there, representing the reserve side for all USMC training and education initiatives. With all this activity and changes, we still need to keep sight of the fact that we exist to support the active component Marine Corps and that things continue to heat up in Afghanistan, where 4<sup>th</sup> Supply Battalion has many Marines and Sailors deployed.

Finally, I'll close with a congrats to all the SNCO selections the battalion realized on the recent FY10 SMCR SNCO Selection Board. Check out MarAdmin 154/10, which came out on 3/16, listing all our new selectees. Congrats to all, especially our new SSgt selections – which is a huge deal! The Marine Corps truly is a cycle, and as we prepare to say goodbye to some of our battalion leadership team, we also must celebrate our new SNCO leaders within the battalion.

*Colonel Montgomery*



**Battalion, H & S Co, I-I Staff – Newport News, VA****Training**

H & S Company and the Battalion staff received their annual training classes which included hazing, sexual assault, and code of conduct, suicide awareness and terrorism awareness. They also completed their swim qualifications and Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training.

The I-I staff had a great time in the gas chamber at Fort Eustis. They also conducted training on the different Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) levels at the Home Training Center. Additionally, some of the staff completed their qualifications at the pistol range.

**Congratulations!!!!**

MSgt McClure received the Army Commendation medal upon retirement

**Promotions**

Major Mize  
Cpl Grandpierre  
LCpl Barrett  
LCpl Riviera

Ssgt Palmer  
Cpl Kelly  
LCpl Huff  
PFC Antoine

Sgt Pease  
LCpl Williams, K.  
LCpl Pyle

**Welcome Home!!!**

The following Marines recently returned from deployment

LtCol Speicher  
CWO3 Harben  
Cpl Leader

1<sup>st</sup>Lt Feinberg  
SSgt Mauldin  
Cpl Whittemore

1stLt Babineau  
Cpl Cottingham  
LCpl spence

**Wishing you the best**

The following Marines have recently deployed. It is our hope that they will return home safely.

SSgt Gray  
LCpl Hendrix

Sgt Campbell  
LCPL Grier

Sgt Pease  
LCpl McPherson

**Detachment 2 Supply Co, Albany, GA**

Officer in Charge  
Maj Weeks

Inspector Instructor  
Maj Morton

Company 1stSgt  
GySgt Stacey Beasley

I&I 1<sup>st</sup>Sgt  
1stSgt James Watson

**January thru March 2010**

35 Marines, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon from Detachment 2, 4<sup>th</sup> Supply Battalion

Web link- on community service at Salvation Army Albany GA. Marines sorted and stocked can goods in an orderly fashion, so the Salvation Army employees could be better organized to feed the homeless and needy families. (16 man hours)

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> platoons

Worked onboard Marine Corps Logistics Base in one of the warehouses to sort and re-stock and take inventory of miscellaneous gear. Det 2 helped with many man hours towards inventory for the MCLB and have hands on training within their MOS skills.

**February:**

Members of Det 2, Supply BN traveled to Moody AFB for training on ISMAT. Marines conducted proper entry and exiting of a rolled HUMV. They ran through different scenarios of engaging enemy troops inside the vehicle, and providing security tactics.

GySgt French was honored and recognized by Capt Doug McClure with the Albany Salvation Army, for his two years as the Toys for Tots coordinator. GySgt French was awarded with the Salvation Army Service Award for the Albany area. Maj Morton and 1<sup>st</sup>Sgt Watson attended this luncheon.

CARDF Marines, shipped 15,000 tons of gear and over 1 million MRE's to Haiti Relief for continued Rescue Operation for Haiti.

HM1 Bennett conducted CPR classes, along with life saving skills for children and adults, in which 10 active duty Marines were certified thru the American Heart ASS.

**March:**

Community Service:

Det 2 Marines volunteer to help with the Albany "Snickers Marathon". The Marines will be guiding the runners through out the 26.2 mile course and handing out energy bars and water bottles.

The SNCO's of Det 2, say's Farewell to GySgt Williams, after 22 years with combined total years of service on active and reserve time. GySgt Williams says farewell to the Marines and Sailors of Det 2.

**Local Service Organizations**

Veterans Group  
MC League  
American Legion

**Deployed Marine:**

Cpl Jackson, J.

## **Anacostia Family Readiness**

Allow me to introduce myself as your Deputy Family Readiness Officer for Site Support, Anacostia, D.C. It is my duty and obligation to support the Unit Family Readiness Program directed by the Commandant of the United States Marine Corp.

I will be committed to provide all of the family members with information on command events and Family Readiness concerns via this newsletter, mass communication tool, and phone calls.

Looking out for the welfare of the Marines and their families plays an important role during deployments and I understand the need for these services. Keeping the families informed involves training, briefs, and conferences for me to ensure the most reliable and accurate information gets disseminated to the Marine's families.

My primary focus will be contacting our spouses, family members, and friends within the units who have experienced deployments or will be deploying in the near future. I encourage you to ask any questions you may have and I welcome your emails or phone calls as we move ahead with our Family Readiness Program.

Congratulations to MSgt Harley, J.D. (MGySgt), GySgt Andrew, B.J. (MSgt), SSgt Betton, S.K. (GySgt), Sgt Dioulo, J.E. on their selection for promotion off the Selected Marine Corp Reserve promotion board.

Sgt Ayon, N. Active Reservist, was also recently selected to Staff Sergeant along with Sgt Duehr, T.P. who was also selected to the grade of Staff Sergeant is our lone Active Duty Marine.

We wish a safe journey to deployed Marine, LCpl Mackey.

## **Family Readiness Contact Information**

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**Ammunition Company (-) Greenville, SC****SMCR New Joins:**

Sgt Laman, James S.  
Cpl LopezHernandez, Sergio  
Cpl Elia, Michael P.  
Cpl Dennis, Joseph S.  
PFC Williams, T'Cory J.

**Deployed Marines:**

Cpl Jones, J..  
Cpl Hall, H.  
LCpl Cobb, R.  
PFC Owen

**I&I Inbound:**

Capt Weppner, William G.  
MSgt Diaz, Edwin D.  
Cpl Glover, Gerald B.  
Cpl Parsons, Charles B.  
Cpl Chapelle, Lawrence N.

**I&I Outbound:**

Capt Stout, Ronald H.  
MSgt Smith, Rodney E.  
Sgt Moree, Leslie M  
Sgt Marano, Joshua M.

**Promotions:**

Pvt Singleton, Jimmy L.  
PFC Ballew, Kenneth H.  
PFC McGinnis, Timothy A.  
PFC Hawkins, William M.

**Awards:**

Cpl Laney, April  
Cpl Gish, Christopher  
Cpl Henry, Jeremy  
Cpl Lawrence, Ian  
LCpl Grant, Matthew  
LCpl Guy, John  
LCpl Krantz, Kevin  
LCpl Leister, Paul  
LCpl McPhearson, Jeremy  
LCpl Pressley, Michael

**Highlights:**

The company executed a joint field drill event with Ammunition Company Detachment 1 (Marietta, GA) at Ft. Jackson, SC. Training included exercises on the Live Fire Ranges, Crew Serve Range, MOUT and Pistol Qualifications.

**Local Service Organization:**

Please visit the web page of the local Marine Corps League to find out more about how they support service members and families. Some of their services include veterans appreciation, supporting Young Marines, and providing scholarships. To read more go to <http://www.greenvillemcl.com/index.html>

# News You can Use

## Are you looking for a baby sitter?

The Department of Defense is offering a new program to help all service members and their families find in-home care. All Army, Marine, Navy, and Air Force families, (active, reserve and guard) are now eligible for memberships to Sittercity, which are fully paid by the Department of Defense. Sittercity is the nation's largest and most trusted website for finding quality local babysitters, nannies, elder care providers, dog walkers, housekeepers and tutors. Military families can now visit [www.sittercity.com/dod](http://www.sittercity.com/dod) to activate their paid membership today.

The Sittercity program provides military families with instant access to over a million nationwide comprehensive caregiver profiles which include background checks, references, reviews, pictures and much more. Sittercity's proprietary matching technology helps families hand-select the perfect caregiver for their family. In addition, service members and their families will be able to connect with Military Certified care-providers on Sittercity including CDH and FCC's as well as caregivers who are military subsidized and authorized access to a military installation.

## Need a day of fun?

### Anheuser-Busch Parks

"Here's to the Heroes" has been renewed for 2010. This program allows one free admission for military members and up to 3 direct dependents to one of the following theme parks: Sea World, Busch Gardens, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA. Please go to their website at [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) for full details and eligibility. No advance ticket is required - you can register online, or at the participating park.

## Scholarship opportunity

ThanksUSA is planning to give 500 deserving military dependents \$3,000 scholarships to attend school this fall. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of financial need; academic record; demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities; and a goal statement. Preference will be given to children or spouses of service personnel killed or injured during active duty.

To be eligible for these scholarships you must be a dependent child or spouse of an active-duty U.S. military service personnel. Visit the ThanksUSA Scholarship website for further eligibility details.

<https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/thanksusa>

## TOPEKA KANSAS GSA PLATOON

### PROMOTIONS:



LCpl Robertson, J. H.	100201
PFC Clevenger, W. D.	100201
LCpl Wahrman, D. N.	100201
Sgt Elliot, T. A.	100202
LCpl Oehlert, T. C.	100301
LCpl Oleary, J. T	100301
LCpl McTaggart, J. M.	100301
LCpl Gomez, N. A.	100301
LCpl Davidson, G. J.	100301

### NEW JOINS:

Cpl Hobbs, I. D.	100105
PFC Archer, M. W.	100130
LCpl Marshall, B. C.	100225
PFC Sours, J. T.	100226

### UPCOMING:

Family day is coming in April, it should be a great time!  
Annual field training in May.  
Annual Training in June for two weeks.

### DEPLOYED MARINES...BE SAFE

LCpl wheeler

LCpl Stafford

LCpl Cooper



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CDR Wadewitz

**Inspector Instructor**

LT Youshock

**Company SEL**

HM1 Crowson

**I&I SEL**

HM1 Spiroff

**Newport News**

MedLog Company has been busy with Warehouse operations; converting Medical and Dental (AMALs/ADALs) Blocks to the updated configuration and moving equipment and supplies into our newly extended warehouse. In January and February the Company completed necessary training requirements, in February the Navy Reservists took part in the Advancement Exam, and in March all hands completed a Medical Readiness Stand Down.

Welcome aboard to HN Johnson. Congratulations to HN Morant on his promotion to Hospitalman and LCpl Frost on her promotion to Lance Corporal.

**Det 1 San Diego**

In January and February the Company completed necessary training requirements, in February the Navy Reservists took part in the Advancement Exam, and in March completed converting the two FRSS Blocks to the updated configuration and moving old equipment and supplies out of our warehouse. We had a visit from LT Youshock and the XO to survey the area.

Welcome aboard to HM1 Bogenhagen, HM2 Delfin, HM3 Appelhanz, and PFC Herrmann. Congratulations to the twins, HM3 Tom on their promotion to Hospital Corpsman Second Class. Welcome back HM3 Felarca from a 6 month deployment in Iraq.

**Company Family Readiness Officer**

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Marine Corps Family Team Building offers L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills) classes to family members in order to help them get orientated to the Marine Corps lifestyle. Call you local MCFTB for more details.

Camp Allen in Norfolk, Virginia can be reached at 757-445-6875

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## Supply Company (-) Raleigh, North Carolina

Officer in Charge  
Capt Borrego

Inspector Instructor  
Maj Elcock

Company 1stSgt  
MGySgt Autry

I&I 1<sup>st</sup>Sgt  
1stSgt Crafton

### Recent Activities

#### January:

This month the Marines conducted ISIS training, Company PT, and a Wall to Wall inventory.

#### February:

The Marines conducted BCS-3 training, PT, Block I and Block II training

#### March:

During March drill the Marines of Supply Company took a trip to Camp Lejeune in order to conduct annual training. On Saturday they entered the Gas Chamber after some training from the staff at Camp Lejeune. Once out of the Chamber the Marines ran through a small obstacle course. Sunday the Marines conquered what some say is the toughest training of all, Swim Qual. They entered the pool early Sunday morning and after an exhausting morning finished around noon and headed back to Raleigh.

#### Recently Deployed:

MSgt Gilliam

#### Congratulations:

Promotions- LCpl Woodard K. L. and LCpl Woodard N. Jr.

Retirement- MSgt Simms

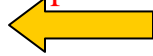
#### Local Resource:

USO of North Carolina has locations in two local airports, at Fort Bragg, and at Camp Lejeune. Find out more at <http://uso-nc.com/services.html>



## Highlights

GySgt Viau honored  
by the Mayor of  
Topeka.



Sgt Lively and HM1  
Adams conduct  
color guard for the  
Secretary of  
defense.



## General Support Ammo Platoon



## Ammunition Company training







**Newport News Marines and Sailors**



**Supply Company Marines and Sailors in training**



## Upcoming Events

April –Topeka, KS Family Day

May – Det 1 Ammo Co Marietta, GA Family Day

May – Med Log Det 1 San Diego, CA Family Day

June – Battalion, H & S Co, Med Log Newport News, VA Family Day

## Stay Connected

**MilitaryHOMEFRONT** is the Department of Defense website for official Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) program information, policy and guidance designed to help troops and their families, leaders, and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need! <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

Education, relocation, parenting, stress - you name it - **Military OneSource** is here to help you with just about any need. Available by phone or online, our free service is provided by the Department of Defense for active-duty, Guard, and Reserve service members and their families. The service is completely private and confidential, with few exceptions.



The Marine Corps values the support and contributions of our families across the country. Family Programs not only benefit service members and their families, but also have a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness. The importance our families play in the readiness of MFR cannot be over-emphasized. These sites are provided to give those information and referral resources to family members of married and single Marines and Sailors. <http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/Family/Default.asp> & <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/family/>

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